

Resolution of Council

19 August 2019

Item 12.8

Global Climate Strike on 20 September 2019

Moved by Councillor Scott, seconded by Councillor Miller –

It is resolved that:

- (A) Council note:
 - (i) the commitments that the City of Sydney has made in the past to address Climate Change, including:
 - (a) adopting a long term strategy for the City's approach to Climate Change in the 'Adapting for Climate Change Paper'; and
 - (b) a declaration of the climate emergency at the last meeting of Council;
 - (ii) that the City of Sydney has recognised the importance of action on climate change and has acted accordingly. The City of Sydney should continue to work for climate justice by working with community groups, local businesses, schools and other levels of government; and
 - (iii) the importance of the forthcoming Student Climate Strike on 20 September 2019 in the fight for climate justice and that student strikers have called on workers across the world to join them. School Strikers 4 Climate (SS4C) have developed a Worker Participation Guide to assist those interested in participating in the strike;
- (B) Council endorse supporting the Global Climate Strike on 20 September 2019; and
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to promote the Global Climate Strike through the City of Sydney's media and engagement platforms.

Note – the motion above was not carried. The resolution below was carried.

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- (i) the commitments that the City of Sydney has made in the past to address Climate Change including;
 - (a) adopting a long term strategy for the City's approach to Climate Change in the 'Adapting for Climate Change Paper';
 - (a) a declaration of the climate emergency at the last meeting of Council;
 - (ii) the City of Sydney has recognised the importance of action on climate change and has acted accordingly by
 - (a) becoming the first Australian Government to be certified Carbon Neutral in 2011
 - (b) setting ambitious, science based emissions reduction targets
 - (c) reducing emissions from City operations by 25% since 2006
 - (d) installing 4,958 solar panels and retrofitting street lights to LEDs throughout the local government area
 - (e) committing to 100% renewable electricity in 2020
 - (f) successfully bidding to host the C40 Women for Climate conference in April 2020, bringing together leaders from across the world to exchange ideas and work together on climate change solutions;
 - (iii) the City of Sydney should continue to work for climate justice by working with community groups, local businesses, schools and other levels of government;
 - (iv) the importance of the forthcoming Student Climate Strike on 20 September 2019 in the fight for climate justice and that student strikers have called on workers across the world to join them. School Strikers 4 Climate (SS4C) have developed a Worker Participation Guide to assist those interested in participating in the strike;
 - (v) that the demands of the strikers are:
 - (a) no new coal, oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine;
 - (g) 100 per cent renewable energy generation and exports by 2030;
 - (h) fund a just transition and job creation for all fossil-fuel industry workers;
- (B) Council endorse the Global Climate Strike on 20 September 2019 and Councillors attend where possible;
- (C) the Chief Executive Officer be requested to inform the Sydney community about the strike through the City of Sydney's media and engagement platforms; and
- (D) the Chief Executive Officer support staff who wish to attend the 20 September rally through access to flexible working arrangements and other forms of leave.

The substantive motion, as varied by consent, was carried on the following show of hands –

Ayes (7) The Lord Mayor, Councillors Kok, Phelps, Miller, Scott, Scully and Thalís

Noes (3) Councillors Chung, Forster and Vithoukás.

Substantive motion carried.

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